



**MAYOR
JERRY SANDERS
Science and Technology Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

The San Diego Science and Technology Commission (SDS&TC) held a meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, hosted by the City Planning and Community Investment Department located at 600B Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Dr. Martha Dennis, SDS&TC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M. Members present: Craig Andrews, Dr. Hui Cai, Daniel Chang, Dr. Martha Dennis, Dr. Tom Dillon, Charles Holland, Dr. Gail Naughton, Tyler Orion, Craig Roberts, and Julie Meier Wright. Members absent:, Luis Avila, Jon Cohen, Scott Corlett, and Maurice Wilson. City Staff present: City Planning & Community Investment Department staff members: Russ Gibbon, Jean Cameron, Adrienne Turner, and Tina Hines. Public Attendees: Mr. Kelly Cunningham, and Mr. Eric Bruvold, San Diego Institute for Policy Research.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:** February 7, 2007 (MOTION/Orion/Holland/UNANIMOUS)
- IV. **SAN DIEGO INSTITUTE FOR POLICY RESEARCH**
 - A. CONNECT-dex, Index of Regional Innovation, Presenter Mr. Kelly Cunningham: Mr. Cunningham stated that CONNECT in partnership with the San Diego Institute for Policy Research, has developed a technology start-up index called CONNECT-dex to measure the formation of new technology based companies in the San Diego region. The data used in CONNECT-dex is obtained from Info USA and Dunn & Bradstreet.

The CONNECT-dex will aim to accomplish the following: 1) Enable supporters of innovation to provide targeted support for new companies; 2) Enable support organizations to track growth cycles and regional benefits from new start-up activity; 3) Provide a balanced prospective about the dynamics of regional business cycles; 4) Provide an indicator of the vitality of the region's knowledge economy.

Mr. Cunningham mentioned that in the initial year of the index the largest percentage of new technology start-ups occurred in the following clusters: 1) Communications, 45%; 2) Software and computer service providers, 30%; 3) Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals, 14.5%; 4) Biomedical Products, 2.3%; 5) Defense and Transportation, 1.4%, 6) Environmental Technology, 1.2%, 7) Recreational Goods Manufacturing, 0.2%.

Mr. Cunningham cited in his conclusion that start-up firms are located throughout San Diego County. However, the largest concentrations are near the University of California San Diego campus, and other prominent research institutions.
- V. **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**
 - A. **Public Broadband Access Working Group (PBAWG):** Mr. Xavier Leonard, Executive Director with Heads on Fire gave a presentation about his attendance of the Air Jaldi Community Wireless On Free Information Infrastructure at the April 10th meeting.

- VI. AGENDA TOPICS FOR 2007: The Commission will consider the following items for future meeting agendas: 1) The recognition of San Diego Data Processing Corporation as a leader in customer service; 2) The status of Stem Cell research; 3) Awareness of the presence of Biotechnology in San Diego; 4) Project Lead the Way; 5) California Health Institute.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business of the Commission, this meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

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Motion by: Dillon	Revisions Prepared:
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